DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT TO AMEND THE RECOMMENDATION 19-02 BY ICCAT TO REPLACE RECOMMENDATION 16-01 BY ICCAT ON A MULTI-ANNUAL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR TROPICAL TUNAS

(Proposal submitted by the Chair of Panel 1)

NOTING that the extraordinary circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic has led to the cancellation of the 22nd Special Meeting of the Commission;

RECOGNISING that some decisions by the Commission are required in order to ensure the continued conservation and management of stocks for which measures were due to expire in 2020;

CONSIDERING the technical difficulties in adopting new measures through correspondence or online meetings in manner which would be fully transparent and inclusive;

CONFIRMING that the extension of current measures in no way prejudices any future measures or discussions;

ACKNOWLEDGING that some of the provisions contained in Recommendation 19-02 are of limited duration;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

- 1. The terms of the 2019 *Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 16-01 by ICCAT on a Multi-annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas* [Rec. 19-02] which were due to expire at the end of 2020 are extended to 2021, notably paragraphs 4, 8, 17, 18 and 60.
- 2. Paragraph 67 of Rec. 19-02 shall be amended to read as follows: "An intersessional meeting of Panel 1 will be held in 2021 to review existing measures and inter alia develop catch limits and associated catch verification mechanisms for 2022."